THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAB NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) have received some complaints with regard to appointment/Selections made at Trivandrum International Airport. These are being looked into.

Special leave for favoured employees in A.I.

900. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "SPECIAL LEAVE FOR FAVOURED EMPLOYEES" which appeared in the 'MIDDAY' Bombay of 7th September 1989; and

(b) if so, what action Government are proposing to step such favouritism in Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The allegation made in the news item is not true in that Air India has not refused Special leave to any person on a request made by recognised Union/Association/Guild during the last five years.

(b) Does not arise.

Sanction of special casual leave by AI

901. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees have been sanctioned special casual leave by Air India for more than 10 days during the preceding three calendar years;

(b) the details of such sanction with reasons for such leave granted;

(c) whether the Managing Director of Air India is authorised to sanction more than 10 days special casual leave to its employees; and

(d) if not, who authorised the sanction herein above?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Requests for special leave rejected by AI

902. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) in how many cases requests for Special Leave have not been considered by Air India during the last three years; and

(b) the details of all such requests rejected by Air India for Special Leave during the above period alongwith the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As per records during the last three years, Special Leave has not been refused to any person on a request made by recognised Unions/Associations/Guilds.

(b) Does not arise.

SC/ST employees of Air India under suspension

903. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many SC/ST employees of Air India have been placed under Suspension for more than six months during the last three years:

(b) the details of each case with period of suspension;

(c) in how many cases enquiry has been conducted and in how many cases the concerned persons have been found guilty: and

(d) whether any salary for the suspension period has been paid to such employees not found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) During the last 3 years nine SC/ST employees of Air India have been placed under suspension for more than six months.